

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michael D. Whitesage §
Serial No.: 09/764,178 §
Filed: January 17, 2001 §
For: System and Method for Managing §
Purchasing Contracts §

Docket No.: PRISM-P01956US1

Group Art Unit: 3623

Examiner: Boyce, Andre D.

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND
FEE(S) DUE MAILED OCTOBER 17, 2005**

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Enclosed are the Fee(s) Transmittal form PTOL-85 for the submission of the Issue Fee and a credit card payment form for the referenced application. We hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge our credit card as indicated on Form PTO-2038, for the issue fee of \$700.00, publication fee of \$300 and seven (7) advance copies (\$3.00 each) for \$21.00, **a total amount of \$1,021.00.**

Applicant also encloses an Assertion of Entitlement to Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. 1.27. Applicant hereby claims small entity status and the entitlement to reduced patent fees.

Also, enclosed is a copy of the separately filed Response to Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review that includes one set Corrected Formal drawings (total of 46 sheets).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments related to this case to Deposit Account No. **50-0997 (PRISM-P01956US1), maintained by Paula D. Morris & Associates, P.C.**

Respectfully submitted,

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ASSERTION OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.27

Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicant, Michael D. Whitesage hereby asserts small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27(a)(1). Applicant is an individual and the inventor of the above-referenced patent application. Applicant declares that he has not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention.

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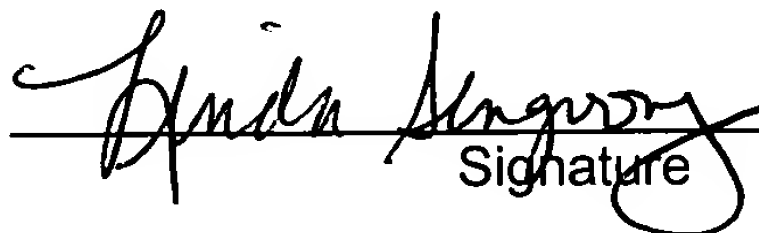
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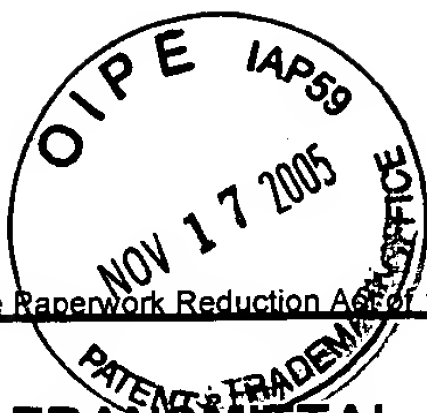
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| | Application Number | 09/764,178 | |
| | Filing Date | January 17, 2001 | |
| | First Named Inventor | Whitesage | |
| | Art Unit | 3623 | |
| | Examiner Name | Andre D. Boyce | |
| Total Number of Pages in This Submission | 5+ | Attorney Docket Number | PRISM-P01956US1 |

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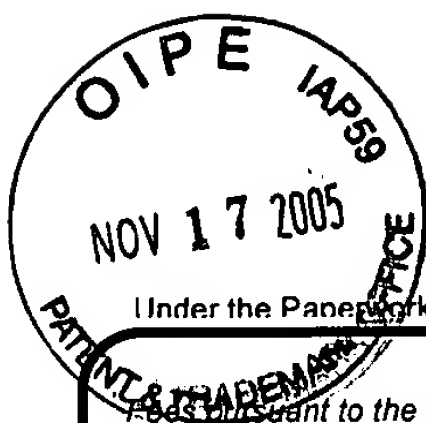
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| Firm or Individual name | Alberto Q. Amatong, Jr., Reg. No. 41,580 |
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Effective on 12/08/2004.

Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).

FEE TRANSMITTAL
For FY 2005☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 1,021.00**Complete if Known**

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| Application Type | FILING FEES | | SEARCH FEES | | EXAMINATION FEES | | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

| Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
|----------|-----------------------|
| 50 | 25 |
| 200 | 100 |
| 360 | 180 |

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
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HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Issue Fee (\$1,000) + 7 Advanced Copies (\$21) \$1,021

SUBMITTED BY

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in Response to the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review accompanied with the Notice of Allowance mailed October 17, 2005 in connection with the above-captioned patent application. Applicant submits one set of Corrected Drawings (total of 46 sheets) to address the objections noted by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84.

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